

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 is amended as follows:

**Cross-reference to Related Applications**

This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application serial no. 60/450,503, entitled "GAMING MANAGEMENT SERVICE IN THE SERVICE-ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT", filed February 26, 2003; and is related to United States Patent Application serial no. 10/788,903, entitled "A SERVICE-ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT", <Attorney Docket 1842.020US1>, filed on the same day and assigned to the same assignee as the present application; each of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.